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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT FCEIVED

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Sir:

Responsive to the restriction requirement in the Office Action dated September 26, 2002, Applicant hereby elects the invention recited in Group I, claims 1-14, drawn to a swimming pool.

In the event Applicant has overlooked the need for an extension of time, an additional extension of time, payment of fee, or additional payment of fee, Applicant hereby conditionally petitions therefor and authorizes that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 20-0095, TAYLOR & AUST, P.C.

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